PATENT APPLICATION

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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. The listed information was cited in the parent (Application No. 10/148,544) of the present divisional application and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. The Examiner is respectfully directed to the files of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for review of those documents. (See 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) and MPEP § 609.) However, if requested by the Examiner, copies of those documents will be supplied.

Applicants note that for the sake of completeness they have cited both published PCT applications and corresponding counterparts, including both U.S. patents and published U.S. applications, where known.

Applicants make no representation as to the identity of these documents. However, they note that they correspond as follows:

Publication No.	Corresponding Document(s)				
WO 96/16940	U.S. 5,869,501				
	EP 798295				
WO 99/00121	U.S. 6,313,122				
WO 99/00126	U.S. 6,313,151				
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Additionally, Applicants have cited JP 2000-302765 published October 31, 2000 and included a complete English translation. However, Applicants' present application claims priority to JP 2000-096858 filed March 21, 2000. A verified translation of this Japanese priority document accompanied the application papers filed June 4, 2002, in the parent case.

## **CONCLUSION**

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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APPLICATION NO. FORM PTO 1449 (modified) ATTY DOCKET NO. 02213.000300.1 Div. of 10/148,544 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE **APPLICANT** FUKUSHI HIRAYAMA ET AL. LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT(S) (Use several sheets if necessary) FILING DATE GROUP Herewith 1624 U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS DOCUMENT NUMBER \*EXAMINER INITIAL FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE DATE NAME CLASS SUBCLASS 5,869,501 02/09/99 Hirayama et al. 514 319 Arnaiz et al. 6,140,351 10/31/00 514 336 6,313,151 11/06/01 Beight et al. 514 352 03/31/00 6,313,122 11/06/01 Beight et al. 514 237.5 03/20/00 6,372,759 04/16/02 Beight et al. 514 318 03/20/00 6,376,515 04/23/02 Zhu et al. 514 318 02/28/01 6,380,221 04/30/02 Arnaiz et al. 514 337 08/03/00 6,417,200 07/09/02 Beight et al. 514 330 05/09/00 2002/0002183 01/03/02 Zhu et al. 02/28/01 2002/0091116 07/11/02 Zhu et al. 02/28/01 FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT DOCUMENT NUMBER DATE COUNTRY CLASS SUBCLASS WO \*99/37643 7/29/99 International WO \*96/16940 6/6/96 International OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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